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## United Church

Empress—  
Sunday School, 2:00 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.  
Blindfold 11 a.m.  
Social Prizes 2 p.m.  
Leland 4 p.m.  
Rev. A. J. Low, B.A., Pastor

## Alberta To Get Three Million in Public Works Relief

Toronto, Jan. 25.—The Mail and Empire on Thursday published the following:  
"Initial expenditure of \$50,704,000 in eight provinces, of which Ontario and Quebec receive the greatest portions, and of which substantially all will be spent in construction of provincial and federal buildings, form the principles of the 'moderate plan public relief work' which Prime Minister R. B. Bennett was quoted as forecasting."  
"The plan, it was stated, (cont. on back page)"

## Re-Election of School

### Trustee Draws Big Vote

Saturday afternoon, the re-election of school trustees, covered much local interest, and a big local vote was recorded. The election was necessitated by the resignation of Mr. F. E. Sibley, who had recently been elected to the position. The candidates nominated for the position were: Mrs. A. K. McNeill and Mr. F. E. Sibley. For two hours after nominations, the cars were out gathering up electors and bringing them to the school for voting. On the count, Mrs. A. K. McNeill was elected by a vote of 95 to 66 for Mr. F. E. Sibley. Mrs. McNeill has the honor of being the first woman to serve on trustees on the local school board.

## Annual Meeting of I.O.D.E.

The Annual Meeting of the I.O.D.E., will be held at the home of the Regent, Mrs. W. MacPherson, on Tuesday afternoon, February 13th, at 3 p.m. Each member is urged to be present for this important meeting.  
Milton Herr Shannon, Sec'y.

## Elected By Acclamation

The annual meeting of the Village Council of Empress, took place in the Municipal Office, on Monday evening. There was general discussion of town matters and explanations in regard to unemployed relief, water, electric light plant, etc. Reg. A. Ford, was the councillor whose term had expired, he was re-nominated, and as there were no other nominees, he was declared elected by acclamation.

## A Weekly Survey of Grain Prices

Friday, Feb. 2nd, 1934  
One Northern wheat at Winnipeg registered a net gain of 1½ cents during the week ended last. The highest price, 67.38 cents a bushel, was made on Thursday. While the effect of the announcement of the monetary policy at Washington was regarded as disappointing, the market nevertheless was fairly steady. The export business in Canadian wheat was again only moderate.

Rains were reported in important corn districts of the prairie, and deterioration has been delayed. Damage so far done, however, lends the European authorities to believe that the yield will turn out substantially smaller than a year

## Jr. C.G.I.T. Novelty Bazaar

The Jr. C.G.I.T. held a Bazaar and Novelty Tea in the Post Office building on Saturday afternoon and evening. Some very creditable work had been done by the Juniors for which they enjoyed good patronage. They also had a patchwork quilt for which they sold guesses on a jar of beans, and Miss B. Dark was the lucky winner. The quilt in question was a very good piece of work and was donated by Mrs. A. J. Low. The Juniors received good help and patronage from the elders, and altogether their efforts were most successful.

The week's wheat and flour shipments were moderate at 3,961,000 bushels, which included a fair amount for destination to non-European countries.

There was no particular news of Australia published recently. The next crop will be seeded during the months of April and June. In January and March good rains are essential for successful ploughing operations. The shipments of wheat and flour were only 2,616,000 bushels and of this amount 852,000 bushels were exported to other than European countries.

Following a recent period of warm weather in India a drop in temperature has occurred, and might be harmful to the young plant. The wheat acreage is reported to be larger than last year and some slight increase in production is expected, providing weather conditions are favorable. Latest reports state that rain is badly needed in many areas. Last year, the wheat acreage in India was 32,902,000 acres and wheat production 352,575,000 bushels as compared with 336,373,000 bushels the 1927-1931 (five-year) average. During recent years wheat exports have been negligible.

No important precipitation was reported in the United States winter wheat belt during the past week. Some apprehension is now being felt in Eastern areas regarding possible damage from recent cold weather. Most crop experts agree that some damage has occurred in many districts, but it is not possible at this time to determine the amount. While the weather has been more temperate, moisture is still badly needed over large areas. A few local reports of dust storms were again received from the Southwest.

Snow covering is said to be light in parts of Russia and the Balkans and it is feared that some injury might occur if the weather turns cold. Reports from France indicate that the damage from freezing and thawing is not as serious as expected previously. Growing crops in other areas generally are spoken of favorably. Only a few additional winter wheat acreage reports have been received from Europe since our last report and these were from minor countries. Official reports of the acreage in Italy has not been published, but private sources still expect a increase of ten per cent. The first estimate for France gave the winter wheat acreage as 12,771,000 acres as compared with 13,130,000 acres a year ago. The official figures for Germany are 4,017,000 acres as against 5,011,000 acres last year.

## Celebrate in Honor of Robbie Burns

The newly formed Blindfold Caledonian Society, held their first celebration of "Burns' Night" in the Leland Hall on February 5. This entertainment had been postponed on account of weather and poor roads and should have taken place, January 24.

A record attendance greeted the occasion with many visitors from Empress and surrounding points. The committee in charge are to be commended for their efforts to make the evening a success.

The chairman for the evening, Mr. R. McDonald, gave a very interesting talk of the life and career of R. Burns, born January 5, 1759, following which a very excellent programme was rendered.

The celebration was concluded with a very enjoyable dance. The following comprised the programme:  
"O, Canada!"  
Chairman's address, Mr. R. McDonald,  
Vocal solo, Mr. J. McNeill.

Vocal solo, Mr. W. Ross.  
Trio Duetting by Pupils of Miss H. Hartt.  
Duet, Mrs. A. K. McNeill and Mrs. J. McNeill.  
Scotch Gossip, H. McDonald,  
F. Lydman, W. Ross, L. Piper.  
Address of Welcome, Mr. A. McDonald,  
Vocal solo, Mr. L. Piper.  
Bagpipe selection, Mr. W. Murdoch.  
Sword dance, Miss M. Gillies.  
Vocal solo, Mrs. J. McNeill.  
Highland fling and Irish jig, Miss M. Gillies.  
Vocal solo, Miss H. Hartt.  
Address, Mr. J. Fowles.  
Vocal solo, Mrs. A. K. McNeill.  
Humorous reading, Mr. J. McNeill.

## The Week at Ottawa

Ottawa, February 2nd, 1934  
Parliament has settled down to the regular routine and there is much speculation as to whether there will be a general election in 1934. The Opposition, headed by Mr. King, are calling loudly for a contest, while the Government members do not want the House to dissolve. The decision rests not with Parliament and not with the Cabinet, but with one man, the Prime Minister. He has been careful not to commit himself. He states that the business people do not want an

## Mrs. E. J. Neilson Dies From Scalding

We received today, the sad news of the death of Mrs. E. J. Neilson, who passed away on Sunday morning, February 4th. She was 67 years of age. On the morning of the accident, Wednesday, January 31st, she was in ill-health and was staying in bed. While Mr. Neilson went out to the barn for a few minutes, she got up out of her bed and went to the kitchen. She fainted away, while apparently attempting to handle a boiler full of water on the stove. She pulled it over herself, and was scalded from the waist down to her feet.

The funeral service was held in the hall at Acadia Valley, on Tuesday, February 6th, at 11 p.m. The Rev. F. Yates, of the United Church, Saskatoon, conducted the service. Interment took place at Acadia Valley.

Deceased was born in Bucks Co., Pa. She came to Canada in 1905, to Kestler, Sask. In 1914, with Mr. Neilson, she moved to Acadia Valley. Besides her husband, to whom her loss, she has four brothers living in New Jersey and U.S. We, and other members of the community, offer deepest sympathy to Mr. Neilson, in his bereavement, for the untimely and most regrettable manner in which the death of his wife occurred.

election. Old the other hand, only once before did a Prime Minister wait till the last moment and then his party was badly defeated.

The leader of the Opposition made a four-hour speech outlining the sins of the Government, and the Prime Minister replied in a four-hour speech showing the improvement in general conditions in Canada.

Work is unevenly divided everywhere it seems. In Parliament, the House of Commons has a tremendous programme of legislation before it and the Senate has nothing to do. The Upper House met for a few hours and then adjourned for two weeks. It will then perhaps have very little to do as legislation must first pass the House of Commons before reaching the Senate.

Keeping pace with the United States, we now have a 60¢ dollar and one character has remarked that the price of wheat in gold value is now lower than it has been for 300 years. However, although we feared the devaluation of the dollar now that it has actually come we are

## Annual Bospital Commenced on Monday

The annual Bospital commenced on Monday, with thirteen rinks entered for two competitions, the Storey and Pingle competitions. The Bospital rink did not put in an appearance, which reduced the entry to twelve. One all-ladies, and two ladies rinks with men skips were among the entries. They have done very well in their games, and the rink skip by G. Freed won their first two games. Altogether competition is keen and there is good interest in the games. The weather has been ideal for curling up until today, which is very mild with warm winds. While the competitions have reached the later stages, it was found necessary to call off the games for today on account of water on the ice. All rinks entered have suffered one or more losses.

pleased because it makes prices better and has restored confidence to some extent.

I had an opportunity of speaking on the debate on the address this week. I discussed the financial problems and dealt with the sugar industry. In Southern Alberta we have a high soil and sunshine. We are growing a sugar beet with high sugar content. We need sugar factories in our region to make the most of the growing of a high sugar value.

work. It is hard to say anything else. It would provide work for unemployed, traffic for railways, by products for the cattle industry and ready cash for the irrigation farmer. The whole problem was investigated two years ago and action by the Government, by tariff regulation, would force the sugar manufacturers to expand their plants to take care of the beet crop. There is a duty of about \$1.89 per cwt against sugar coming in and a tax of \$2.20 against every cwt, used in Canada. This could be adjusted so as to give encouragement to the using of home grown raw material for the manufacture of more of our sugar.

Sincerely, F. W. Gershaw.

## Alberta Coal Will Last for 88,000 Years

According to Professor H. S. Moore, of Toronto Univ., Department of Economic Geology, in an address at Peterborough, Ont., on January 29, at the present rate of production, Alberta coal fields will last about 88,000 years.

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# Flour Mills Of Canada Attain Capacity Far Beyond Needs Of Domestic Market

Canada has 1,265 flour mills with a daily capacity of 12,018 barrels. The flour milling industry in Canada goes back to 1666 when the French settled Port Royal, now a small village in N.S. In that year the first wheat raised in America was grown there. And in the same year the first water wheel was erected to provide power for a mill.

Of the milling business today, the current Canadian Pacific Railway agricultural bulletin says:

"The flour mills of Canada have attained a capacity far beyond the requirements of their domestic markets. The population of the home market, numbering approximately ten and one-half million, requires only about 41,700,000 bushels of wheat."

"The quality of the hard spring wheat flour is widely known and the flour manufactured from it in winter wheat grown in Ontario has considerable reputation in British markets. The distribution of the commercially important capacity may be shown by provinces as follows:

"Prince Edward Island, 18 mills with a capacity of 706 barrels per day.  
"Nova Scotia, 16 with 168.  
"New Brunswick 200 with 2,026.  
"Quebec, 332 with 13,611.  
"Ontario, 670 with 55,427.  
"Manitoba, 38 with 12,090.  
"Saskatchewan, 60 with 12,057.  
"Alberta, 75 with 14,156.  
"British Columbia, 6 with 1,284.  
"Canada has 1,265 mills with a capacity of 12,018 barrels per day.  
The more important milling centres, with capacities in barrels per day, are as follows: Montreal, 21,600; Keweenaw-Kemmer, 18,000; Port Osborn, 14,000; Winnipeg-St. Boniface, 8,000; Medicine Hat, 6,000; Peterborough, 5,500; Yorkton, 5,000; Saskatoon, 4,200; Moose Jaw, 4,000; Toronto, 3,125; Fort William, 3,000; Goderich, 2,500; Victoria is Prairie, 2,500; Brandon, 1,200; Millard, 200; Vancouver, 1,100; London, 1,050; Brandon, 900; Fletchers, 850; Chatham, Ont., 800; St. Marys, Ont., 700; Sudbury, Ont., 700; Stratford, Ont., 700; Elmhurst, 640; Leithbridge, 600; New Hamburg, Ont., 500; Sarnia, Min., 500; Redford, 400; Brockton, Ont., 350; Preston, Ont., 325; Tavara, Ont., 325.  
And one great problem is to find and maintain markets for the flour."

## First Farmers Of Canada

**Indian Method Of Cultivating Land Was Very Primitive**  
Long before the coming of the white man, agricultural people, organized into more or less settled communities, occupied the lowlands of Ontario between the Great Lakes and its continuation along the St. Lawrence Valley, the mouth of the Laurentian Shield. The Indians, who had learned in the south how to grow maize, beans, squashes and sunflowers, introduced their cultivation into the St. Lawrence Valley and the St. Lawrence Valley whence they spread into New Brunswick.

But the Indian methods of cultivation, says Diamond Jenness, in "Indians in Canada," were exceedingly primitive. Their stone axes barely bit into hard maple or birch trees so that they depended mainly on burning for the clearing of their land. Long digging sticks or hoes fitted with blades of shells supplied the place of ploughs; the ripened ears of corn were gathered by hand and transported in baskets by the women to the husking shed. No tribe understood the rotation of crops, or indeed possessed the means to rotate them, but at least made any attempt to fertilize the soil. Consequently, when their plots became exhausted within ten or twelve years, the community moved away to new but unbroken ground. The exhaustion of the soil supply in the new vicinity was also a common cause for abandonment of otherwise favorable sites.

## At Least Settled

An intimation to slow-paying customers was thus given by a country stockkeeper.

"All persons indebted to our shop are requested to call and settle. All those indebted to our shop and not knowing it are requested to call and find out. Those knowing themselves indebted and not wishing to call are requested to stay in place long enough for us to catch them."

W. N. U. 2-27

## Insects Take Big Toll

**Damage To Plants And Trees Runs Into Billions**

The annual loss caused in the United States by insects is estimated by the Department of Agriculture to reach a total of \$2,000,000,000. Without insecticides, according to Dr. Henry G. Knight, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry and Soils, it would be impossible to feed the world as society is organized today. Only by control work on predatory insects which dispute possession of the earth with man can crops be protected against famine and pestilence. The damage to growing plants caused by insects every year in this country is estimated to average 10 per cent. of their value. Dr. Knight places the loss to forest trees alone at \$100,000,000 annually.—Washington Post.



By Ruth Rogers

**Winnipeg Newspaper Union**  
Court in India Decided Against Tax On Donkey Rides  
Does a saddle on a donkey's back compare legally to a stall in a theatre?  
This was the problem confronting the commissioners of customs and excise when they sued an amusement company for entertainment tax on an attraction called "Fun On The Farm."  
It was explained the fun consisted in donkey rides along a path built over miniature waterfalls, a fish pond and rural delights, and the commissioners argued a seat in one of these conveyances in the sense of entertainment was equivalent to a seat in a theatre.  
The case was decided against the commissioners of customs and excise.

## Many Are To Blame

**Business Decisions During Last Fifteen Years Virtually Caused Depression**

Dr. Oliver W. M. Sprague, says: "For the existing business situation virtually every one who made business decisions during the last fifteen years is more or less responsible. The thousands of farmers who hid up large pieces of land and incurred heavy burdens of mortgage debts are in part responsible. Industrialists who over-expanded their plants in the responsibility, as do investment bankers and even economists who 'saw' the new era."  
Heavy responsibility rests upon those conducting the Federal Reserve System for failure to effect needed restraint during the two years preceding the collapse in 1929. Commercial bankers throughout the country adopted policies that were in accord with those of their clients. In short, it is not too much to say that we were all miserable sinners bankers, as a class, no more and no less than the rest of the community."

## Commissioners Lost Case

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## Ship Easy On Coal

**Arcton Type Was Invented By Sir Joseph Lubbock**

A new type of ship which it is claimed will burn only half the amount of coal used by a vessel of the same size and speed built by the old type, has been launched at Sunderland, England.  
The ship, 300 feet long and 7,000 tons dead-weight, bulges heavily in the lower half of the hull and the stern is cut away sharply in stream-line fashion to provide greater play for the propellers. Sir Joseph Lubbock, the inventor, placed orders last January for the construction of three of these arcton ships, confident that, despite the depression in the shipbuilding world, the vessels would be laid down before completion.

"I shall miss you while you are on your hunting trip, dear," said the young wife affectionately, "and I shall pray that the hunters you are going with will do the same."

More than 1,000 pieces of different lengths were used in a quilt recently completed by Miss M. Thornton, aged 76, of Chaddington, England.

Street lights, grout, drains and hydrants for washing the highways are contained in a new design of curb being tested in England.

## Effective At That

**U.S. Paper Has Ideas About Canada's Criminal Law**

Canadians seem to have an old-fashioned notion that law is law and should be enforced. In the United States we are more up-to-date. For example, a dog peddler was tried in Montreal recently, and this was his sentence:

(A) Fourteen years in prison.  
(B) Fines amounting to \$300.  
(C) Ten lashes on his bare back.  
You don't find that gentlemanly care to sell dope again in Canada, even if he had not been given a single day in prison or a single cent of fine.

The whipping alone would probably convince him that he should seek fresh fields and pastures new. We don't know that whipping is the best penalty, or that we should adopt it. But we do know that something of the Canadian attitude toward law enforcement would discourage a lot of criminals here.

When you can't "see the judge," or when your lawyer can't delay a trial for another year or two and then you run imminent risk of contact with the "cat of nine tails," you have a powerful inducement to be good.  
But, as stated, those ideas are not old-fashioned for this up-to-date country.—Washington, D.C., Times.

## Fies Over Frozen Waters

**Attains Point 350 Miles South of Captain Cook's Record**

Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd drove another great aerial wedge of exploration into the uncharted spaces of the Antarctic continent.

Halting the southerly progress of his flagship along the 150th meridian when the ice pack threatened to block all passage, he ordered the ship to open water, put his great seaplane over the side and bored into the south.

Before he turned back, the flight carried him to a latitude of 70 degrees, surpassing by 350 miles the record southern point attained by Captain Cook on his meridian in 1773.

## Summer Home In Rockies

**American Banker Building Luxurious Place Near Yellowstone Pass**

One of the most luxurious mountain retreats on the continent of America is being built in the Canadian Rockies by the Davison family, partner in the banking firm of J. P. Morgan & Company, New York. It is situated near the Yellowstone Pass by which the Canadian National Railway crosses the Rockies into British Columbia. Over \$100,000 has been spent on this summer retreat which will command one of the most magnificent views of mountain and valley to be found in the Dominion.

## Preferred Switzerland

The padre, who had not been feeling well, called in his friend the doctor and then said, "Well, old chap, your lungs are not in good shape. You'll have to spend six months in Switzerland." "But I can't afford the time, my dear man." "Well, that's up to you. It's either Switzerland or heaven." The padre thought for a long time and then growled, "Oh, all right then. . . . Switzerland."

# Squadron Of British Flyers Will Make Long Flight To Show Flag In Remote Lands

## Classy Folk Songs

**Western College Of Agriculture Has Good Selection**

When Dean E. A. Howes, of the College of Agriculture, University of Alberta, looked around for folk songs, he stepped into a deluge.

Now the dean has 5,000 of them in his collection. But there is one that the modern girl has completely debunked. It's the harrowing tale of "Young Charlotte," a ballad of a bygone day when petticoats were numerous.

Once thrilled by the song of Charlotte freezing to death on a 20-mile ride in a sleigh with her boy friend, George, to a dance, the dean no longer believes it happened.  
The song says they spoke only a couple of times and when George went to help her out of the cutter, "he took her hand in his—it was cold and hard as stone." She was dead, and George's evening was spoiled.

Debunking of the song came through the modern girls' singing in only a fraction of the clothes Charlotte wore in weather just as severe without suffering any ill effects.

There are a score of other sorts of similar strain in the collection. The tale of the Lord Lovelace's disappearing at a Christmas party when she was "in" in a game of hide and seek. She hid in a closet and was found by a maid and her brisley bloom lay withering there in a lonely tomb. They found her skeleton many years later.

## Adoption Of Idea Unlikely

**U.S. Journalists Would Save Space By Abbreviating English**

A Los Angeles journalist, offering the scenery of the American Society of Newspaper Editors a suggestion terrifying in its implications. He has discovered that the "they" being the most used in the English language, puts an economic burden on the press which is hard to bear. A savant in an Iowa university found after exhaustive study that it appeared over 500,000 times in 5,000,000 words of newspaper print. Now, instead of "the," newspaper men use only the symbol "t"—lower case 50 per cent. of the space and more than 500 per cent. of the typesetting required for the full word would be saved. Moreover, if the whole paper were considered, 1 per cent. of the white paper bill would be saved by the use of the symbol, while more than 1 per cent. additional news or editorial matter would find space in the normal-sized paper.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## Increased The Sales

**London Retailers Handed Newspaper**

And Street Sellers Found It. It was an example of what a bribe can do for a publication lucky enough to be bribed.  
Lady Houston recently printed a scathing attack on the prime minister in the "Saturday Review," which she owns. The London wholesale firms which distribute publications to the retail agents found to handle that issue of the "Saturday Review."

Lady Houston at once turned the sales over to street sellers.  
The result has been, the editor of the "Saturday Review" told a London newspaper, that during the week 10,000 copies were sold compared with a net sale of 2,000 two weeks previously.

One day, alone, a week after publication, 1,004 copies were sold by street sellers.

## Had Special Meaning

The custom of hanging overcoats in the house during the Yuletide originally had a purpose beyond that of decoration. In older days each kind of overcoat was believed to confer special blessings on those who passed beneath its folds. To pass under holy iron good fortune throughout the year, may mean victory while laurel was supposed to impart a spirit of beauty and poetry.—Miss Farmer.

## Purely Domestic

The Christian Monitor says if the plan is carried to its logical conclusion, the United States Army, which has eliminated from its men of Irish, German, and other nationalities, will become expert. He ordered three machines over for Sandringham, another for Windsor, and the third for the Brompton House, which he later took to Buckingham Palace.

## Exhibit Was Interesting

**Tricycle Used By King Edward Seventh Was On Display**

Among the interesting exhibits at the bicycle and motorcycle show at Olympia was a tricycle which King Edward VII rode on the advice of his doctors.

It was in 1896 that they recommended him to take up tricycling for his health. Although he was 55 and had no riding before, the tricycle became expert. He ordered three machines over for Sandringham, another for Windsor, and the third for the Brompton House, which he later took to Buckingham Palace.

## Host Feasting In Manager

"You host feasting in a career?" "Said anything?" "Yes, my watch, my saxophone and overcoat."

What a paradise for editorial writers and columnists must be Narkin's, China, which forbids summary execution of a newspaper man by other officials.

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Bob of Carmel, shown above balancing a glass of water on his head, was one of the most interesting exhibits at the exhibition in the City of London. Apart from expertness as a juggler, "Bob of Carmel" is a life-saver. He has been awarded the animals' "V.C." twice for saving his master's life. On the first occasion Bob pulled the boss from a blazing motor car, and in the second case saved his master from falling over a cliff by holding on to his coat tails.

Motorists of Argentina are buying more American cars than a year ago.



## Man-Made Thunderbolt

Scientists, Thrilled By Electrical Display From Giant Generator

A steady direct current lightning bolt of 7,000 volts, the most powerful man-made thunderbolt of its kind produced so far, was hurled at Round Hill, Mass., from a man-made Olympus.

The occasion was the first tryout of the giant electrostatic generator designed at Massachusetts Institute of Technology by Dr. Robert J. Van de Graaff.

The first tests, witnessed by a handful of distinguished scientists, more than fulfilled it was stated the hopes of the creators of the man-made electric Niagara, when erect that this new Aladdin Lamp of Science will throw new light on many dark secrets of science.

The spectacle of a 7,000-volt bolt of lightning, controlled with the relatively limited confines of a hangar was tremendously impressive in its brilliance and the savage fury of its unleashed power, as for a half hour, Dr. Van de Graaff directed two assistants at the switches which augmented or decreased the electric display.

The giant aluminum terminals became magic wands which spat out flaming streaks of blue, liquid fire sometimes between each stand, in jagged lines, often to the steel beams of iron walls of the hammer itself.

To each sphere or terminal was fed electric charges of 2,000,000 volts by means of an endless belt which carried it from the ground and deposited it upon the polished surface of the globe. As the spheres, the electric arc-like tongues of violet, pink and lavender flames lashed out to the base of the columns with thousands of sparks, the heads of oblivious scientists who closely watched their switches and meters.

Several times a second blue bolt crashed into the corrugated walls of the building or played about the supporting steel by means of a beam with an ear-splitting report, they would score a direct hit from terminal to terminal.

The demonstration was wholly gratifying to the scientists and spectacular from the standpoint of laymen, who felt their hair stand on end, and a tingling in their elbows and knees, and also saw their finger tips glow with the bluish light of different static electrical charges.

Had weather conditions been favorable, the demonstration would have been made out of doors, where the intensity of the conductivity of the metal hangar would have made possible voltages of about 10,000,000, Dr. Van de Graaff predicted.

**Trade Foe For Fashions**  
South Sea Natives' Like To Get The Latest Styles

The value of new fashions and new tribal trunks is measured in terms of pigs and other foodstuffs by the natives of the South Seas, according to Dr. Margaret Mead, who recently returned from a 22-month research among primitive tribes.

In her husband, Dr. R. F. Fortune of Columbia University, Dr. Mead travelled extensively among the primitive nations of New Guinea, a mandate of Australia, and formerly known as Kaiser Wilhelm's Land.

The island tribes, Dr. Mead said, surrender their food supplies in return for latest fashion ideas and songs. Communication between the tribes, however, is irregular, and she said, and so slowly does a fashion design travel that it may take as long as five years for it to cover the mile distance from the sea to the mountains. Dr. Mead is assistant curator of ethnology of the American Museum of Natural History.

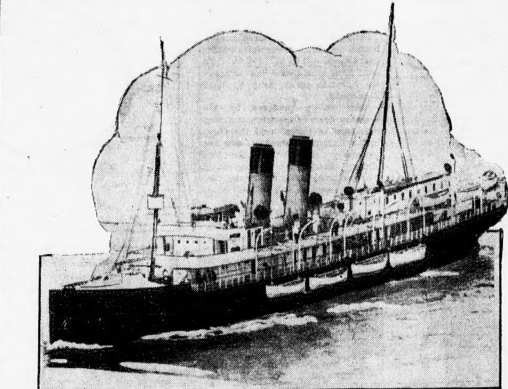
**May Alter Conditions**  
Among many points suggested for consideration to a New York legislature are two on use of leisure time that as work hours grow shorter more parks will be needed in the city both for playgrounds and other recreation purposes. There is in this the suggestion that shortening of workdays mean in time after the character of cities. It will likely lead also to a vastly increased suburban and country life.

**An Old Industry**  
Wool manufacturing in Australia dates back to the earliest times when efforts were made to provide blankets and clothing for the colonists. The first mill was part of the military station of New South Wales, the earliest record being 1801.

For dropping skin on a park for both a London man was fined.

W. N. U. Oct. 27

## CANADIAN STEAMER HAS CLOSE CALL OFF PACIFIC COAST



The S.S. Prince George struck a jagged reef in Observatory Inlet, on the northern British Columbia coast, and for several hours it was thought she might sink. However, tugs managed to pull her off and she proceeded to Anyox Harbor. Her crew of 60 and 17 passengers were reported safe. This same vessel almost came to grief twenty years ago when she shivered onto the beach outside Vancouver harbor in a dense fog.

### Undesirable Features Of Examination System

Fail As Yardstick Of Student's Worth States Professor

Some of the weaknesses and undesirable features of our examination system are listed by G. Elmore Reaman, Ph.D., in an article in the Canadian Magazine. He points out that, while the departmental examinations gauge intellectual capacity, they fail as a real yardstick of a student's worth. Dr. Reaman is not the only educationalist to hold this view and many persons will agree with him when he states that examinations to be effective must take into account not only the intellectual but the emotional life of the pupil as well.

Dr. Reaman would abolish departmental examinations except for those going on to university. He favors widening the idea of term work which would take into account a recognition of daily effort, interest, self-control and other qualities based on emotional attitudes. Under such a scheme responsibility would press heavily on the teachers, but it would tend to decrease careless, slipshod work on the part of the student.

There is also sound logic when Dr. Reaman maintains: "If success in life is to be gauged also by character, then our schools must emphasize its acquisition and the examination system is the place to give the evaluation."

When a scholar steps from the halls of learning into the business world he finds that an upright character and regular habits are invaluable assets which will help him materially in securing a position. If these desirable traits can be combined with intellectual ability so much the better. —Kitchener Record.

### Boasts Seven Lawyers

Twenty-Four Occupations Listed For B.C. Legislature Member

The British Columbia provincial secretary's department has been collecting some data on the occupations or vocations of the 47 new members of the B.C. legislature.

There are 24 occupations listed. As usual the lawyers lead with seven and farmers come second with five. There are also five "agrarians" of whom two call themselves insurance agents, one a financial agent and the other two self-agents.

The medical profession is much less well represented than in the last House, only two remaining.

There are three druggists and one research chemist.

The lumber industry has three representatives, two mill men and a logging contractor.

There are four labor men, of whom one is a locomotive engineer, one a telegrapher, one a bricklayer, and one an electrician. One of these is a Liberal, three are C.C.F. men.

Three members are journalists, and two are business men connected with the marine industry.

Occupations represented by single members include: Merchant, mill foreman, land surveyor, undertaker, garage owner, dentist, retired clergyman, contractor, chartered accountant, professor and housewife.

### Added Strength Needed

This Metal Underwear For Large Alps Is Suggested

Suits of thin metal underwear to fit tightly over the fabric skins of a future lighter than air levitations was proposed by Commander Garland Fulton, of the Bureau of Aeronautics, United States Navy.

The airship underwear would be designed not to protect against temperature, but from the smashing forces which will be encountered in the air when the great ships are speeded up to flight.

"If the attempt is made," Commander Fulton said to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, "to increase the speed of a large airship from the present maximum of 50-85 statute miles per hour to say, 100 miles, additional weight will be required not only in the power plant, but in the general structure as well."

This brings up anew the possibility of obtaining added strength required for higher speeds and ground handling under unfavorable conditions by superimposing some of the principles of a pressure airship upon the conventional type of rigid airship.

"The result would be a composite type of construction which might have a thin metal covering," this covering if placed under tension by interior pressure, would be made to function in a definite manner as a strength member."

### States Russia Dumping Wheat

Russia continues to dump wheat in Great Britain and every European country which is not a prohibitive tariff, the London Daily Mail agricultural correspondent declares.

Of Russian wheat to Great Britain in November were 1,000,000 hundredweight compared with only 25,000 hundredweight in November, 1922, with the exception of declared wheat sold here at one-quarter of its cost.

Tiny automobiles driven and lighted by electricity are among the latest toys in London.

Greenock, Scotland, may adopt the curfew for young children as a health measure.

The man who keeps his sleeve rolled up is not apt to lose his shirt.

Shepperton, England, has built houses to rent for \$1.75 a week.

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### Press Advertising Pays

Secretary Of Welsh Town Finds It Gives Best Publicity

A tribute to newspaper advertising is paid by T. Sudd, secretary of the Abergele and Penarth Town Advertising Association, of Wales, in his annual report.

Mr. Sudd states the association carried out a program of press advertising on a much larger scale than in previous years, and this resulted in a large demand for guide books. "From reports I have received from hotel, apartment, and boarding-house proprietors, and tradespeople," he says, "it would appear that this season has been the best for many years. From the results of our press advertising this season, I have no hesitation in recommending that we again adopt this mode of advertising during the 1934 season."

### Soils In New Zealand

Water-Logged Land Of Low Fertility Is Called Pakhli

In New Zealand, the term pakhli is applied to water-logged soils comprised of clay-textured silt or clay underlain for the most part by a dark brown pan, once thought to have resulted mainly from the deposition of iron compounds, but now shown to contain, in certain cases, a high percentage of organic matter.

These soils are of exceptionally low fertility and carry a sparse growth of rush, umbellifer, fern, mosses, sedges and lichens. The physical properties of the soil are those of a sponge, and being very retentive of water, remain in a constantly boggy condition throughout the areas in which they are located.

Farmers of Japan are disconcerted because advancing prices of silk cocoons have been offset by the drop in quotations for rice, their most important crop.

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## Scientists Seek Means Of Renewing Youth

One Field Of Research Which Is Engaging Their Attention

Increasing the span of human life, adding years of mental and physical vigor to the Biblical three score and ten, is one of the several fields of research in which modern science is engaged. Such research work is in progress in the University of Chicago, the men engaged in this important study and investigation having been selected for their ability and past achievements. One of the members of the Chicago University research staff is Dr. Davis, a native of Ontario, who has been engaged in research at the University of Chicago for the past eight years. Properly described his work is medical research in senescence and rejuvenation. He and his fellow scientists are endeavoring to discover the causes of old age and find a means not only of arresting mental decay but of rejuvenating the body and mind. Dr. Davis states that their research is not along the lines of monkey gland treatments, which received so much publicity a few years ago. Gland operations have not proved successful in the rejuvenation of human beings.

The field of research in which Dr. Davis is engaged is a fertile one. As such an expression may be used. While there has been much research work of this nature done in plant, zoological life, comparatively little has been carried on among the mammals, or higher animals, to which man belongs.

Figures Speak For Themselves

Very Notable Change For Better Seen In India

A two-inch news item from London registers a very notable change for the better in India. The first of the number of civil disobedience prisoners at the beginning of December. They numbered 3,801 persons, as against 34,000 persons at the end of April, 1932, and about 2,000 prisoners at the height of the civil disobedience movement.

The figures speak for themselves. Plainly the spirit of appeasement is settling down over Hindustan. In the recent news about India has been concerned with such things: Silver, tariff, exports and such, up to home in India, and the work of preparing the India bill for Parliament in London. The joint committee which will draft that measure is now at work. The prospects are more than fair for the inauguration of a new order in the dominion with defeat for the Tories of the Winston Churchill school in England, and the extremists in India. —New York Times.

### Play For Greater Unity

English-Mind Believes Sport Would Bring Churches Together

Rev. Walter Hawking, a 70-year-old Methodist minister of Blackheath, England, who has just celebrated his diamond jubilee as a preacher, believes that physical games will help to bring about a closer union between the two main creeds of the world.

Thirty years ago he helped to form the Methodist Sports Association, and has been prominent ever since. "My ambition is to see my own church with an M.C.C. of its own," Mr. Hawking says. "I wish I could live to see the day when there will be a pleasant series of interchanges between one church and another. I am sure the different denominations would come together more effectively on the field of sport. When churches start talking theology they quarrel; when they play together they find unity."

### Helen Keller Repaying Debt

Instructing Her Former Teacher Who Is Going Blind Herself

Helen Keller, who was taught to speak and "see" the world the way I see it, is repaying her debt to her teacher. Helen is paying her debt to her teacher.

Mrs. Keith Huxney, of Garden City, L.I., biographer of Miss Keller, said that the woman called "the blind leader of the blind," is living in a cottage in Rosedale, a village in the Irish county of Wick, Ireland, with Mrs. Anne Sullivan Macy and her secretary, Polly Thompson.

Miss Keller will not come back to the United States this year to continue her work for the American Foundation for the Blind because her teacher and her biographer, Mrs. Huxney, is to pay a blind tour and has become a pupil and patient.

With the same equipment Mrs. Huxney has been using the same language: Mrs. Macy taught her, Helen Keller is paying a debt and teaching her blind teacher the Braille alphabet she has forgotten.

Mrs. Macy taught Helen Keller to speak and now Miss Keller reads to the teacher who can no longer see. I now will Miss Keller consent to her return to America until Mrs. Macy's health is better.

### Honor For Canadian Author

Queen May Ask For Autograph of Copy Of Novel

Miss Mary de la Roche was the recipient of a new honor recently when Queen Mary sent a request for an autographed copy of "The Master of Jains," saying she had read the "Jains" series with great interest. The publishers, the Macmillan Co., of Canada, engaged James Agnew to decorate the specially bound morocco book which will be sent. Royal hand-tooling was done on the silver-colored ground, with the heraldic coat of Lancaster and its group leaves as decoration.

### Merely Illing

"You don't know anything," Ethel Byrnes told a Philadelphia newspaper once. "You don't understand anything. You don't appreciate anything. You never have known anything and you never will." Is she trying to convey to them delicately the information that there is something lacking in their intelligence. If so, why does she bother about the hash? Why not speak right out?

Italy is pushing land reclamation.

Chinese Cities Go Moral

A morality wave is sweeping several Chinese cities. In Canton, for example, women may not ride bicycles, or wear short skirts, or be seen in one district and film; controlling "vice" of embraces are forbidden. In Shanghai, even opium dealers may not find their way to the street. A first offense of this nature costs \$2, on a charge of "bad behavior in public places."

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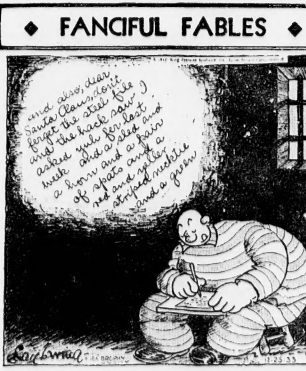
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Thursday, Feb. 8th, 1934

Next Wednesday, Feb. 14, is  
St. Valentine's day.

John Niven, of Aensia Valley,  
was brought into the hospital on  
Tuesday, and is said to be in  
critical condition of health.

The Women's Missionary Soc-  
iety will meet at the home of  
Mrs. J. Kelley, on Wednesday  
afternoon, February 14, at 3  
o'clock.

Harry Blott, of Estuary, is a  
visitor in town, playing in the  
hospitals.

To Electors of Empress Scho-  
ol District—I wish to take this  
opportunity of thanking my  
supporters in the recent elec-  
tions.—F. E. Sibley.

The Married People's Club  
meet in the theatre on Monday  
evening. The program is a St.  
Valentine novelty dance and  
the committee hope to make  
this one of the best dances of  
the season.

This Service, next Sunday in  
the United Church will be the  
Annual I.O.D.E. Service and  
will be of a Patriotic nature.  
Everybody cordially invited to  
be present.

A showing of water colors  
and oil paintings, under the  
auspices of the Dept. of Exten-  
sion, Univ. of Alberta, will be  
held in the Sunday School room  
of the United Church, on Fri-  
day and Saturday, February 23  
and 24.

An enjoyable dance was held  
in the theatre on Friday under  
the auspices of the hockey club.  
In spite of the fact that a hockey  
cup trophy off was cancelled  
on account of soft weather,  
there was a good attendance.

Mrs. J. Irving, who has been  
visiting here with Mrs. N. P.  
Storey during the past several  
weeks, left for her home on  
Monday.

## ESTRAY

At the premises of Pat Livermore, P.O.  
Business Adm., N.W., 26-262, 402  
Golding, near, are some 5 years  
old, 1200 lbs. band 3 C on L.H.;  
V.Lon L.S. 2 Hind white feet, white  
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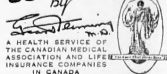
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wrapper—National Distributors, Box 25,  
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## HEALTH



## Nearly Perfect

In these days, when so much  
fault is being found with the  
world in which we live, it is  
quite a relief to note that, in  
spite of social and economic un-  
rest, there is one point upon  
which we can agree, something  
which can be described as  
"nearly perfect."

There is one food which comes  
close to perfection, and that is  
milk. As the child grows, his  
diet is elaborated until he eat  
the same as the rest of the fam-  
ily, but milk should be the back-  
bone of his diet all through his  
years of growth, when he is  
building the body which must  
last him throughout life.

The child requires a mixed  
diet of milk, cereals and pota-  
toes, eggs, a little meat and  
fish, fresh vegetables, salads  
and fruits. He needs milk be-  
cause milk provides the calcium  
that is required to build strong  
bones and teeth. He needs  
milk, because it furnishes vit-  
amins which regulate the growth  
and development of the body.  
Added to this, milk is a source  
of practically all the food ele-  
ments which are essential to  
the body.

—THE—

## Empress Meat Market

Burns' Shamrock Brand

## COOKED

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SLICED

By the Pound,

35c.

Patronize Your Local Butcher

The normal healthy child who  
has been properly trained likes  
to eat. There is something  
wrong with the child who does  
not enjoy his meals, or who has  
to be coaxed to eat. There are  
several causes for poor appet-  
ite. Eating between meals,  
particularly candy, means that  
the child will have no appetite  
for regular meals. The tired  
or excited child is not interested  
in food. The child who has  
been shut indoors, with no op-  
portunity to play or to get his  
lungs filled with fresh air, does  
not eat well.

Many children have what  
appears to be a poor appetite,  
but this is, in reality, a bad  
habit or a wrong attitude to-  
wards food. The parents of such  
children are often those who  
are over-anxious about their  
child. His failure to eat gets  
him a great deal of attention,  
while his parents fuss over him  
and talk about him or even  
threaten him.

Every child should have at  
least one pint of milk a day.  
Milk can be served in many  
different ways as part of the

meal. Variety in the prepara-  
tion of foods prevents a monotonous diet. Milk can be used  
in various hot and cold drinks,  
and in soups. There is an en-  
dless variety of custards. Milk  
goes into jellies, rice puddings  
and ice cream. Meals which  
are based on milk are best, and  
they can be made most appetiz-  
ing.

Alberta To Get Three Million  
cont.

presents the work of 20 regional  
committees scattered across  
Canada, in co-operation with a  
central committee at the head-  
quarters in Toronto.

"Months of time and effort  
were put into it by the mem-  
bers of the survey committee  
of the Nat. Construction Council  
of Canada before it was sub-  
mitted to the prime minister  
and received his approval."

"Under its proposals, division  
of the total will be as follows,  
apportioned by provinces: Brit-  
ish Columbia, \$3,840,000; Alber-  
ta, \$3,215,000; Saskatchewan,  
\$2,025,000; Manitoba, \$1,484,000;  
Ontario, \$17,560,000; Quebec,

\$13,366,800; New Brunswick,  
\$2,075,000; Nova Scotia, \$2,425,  
000; Prince Edward Island, no  
apportionment so far.  
Works would not include  
housing, deep waterways, nor  
road construction, the Mail and  
Empire was informed, but wou-  
ld be devoted entirely to con-  
struction of new buildings and  
rehabilitation of present build-  
ings.



HOW IS IT, JONES, you've such a small ash pile  
alongside of my big one?  
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7 lbs.

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Evaporated Peaches, 2 lbs. - 35c.

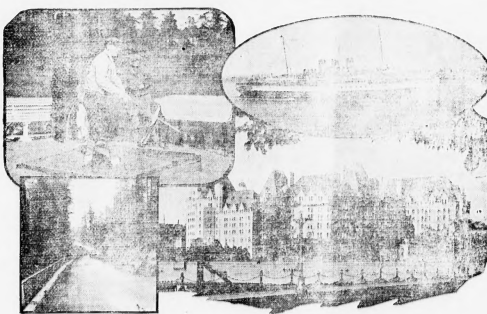
5 lbs. Macaroni, box - 35c.

Pure Plum Jam, tin - 50c.

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This leisurely and lovely city,  
more typical of Old-World  
refinement than Canadian lands,  
located in the heart of Canada's  
evergreen playground, is becoming  
more and more the Mecca of  
Canadians who, fleeing from the  
austerities of the northern winter,  
have discovered that the Dominion  
offers climatic conditions for  
which in other years it was  
thought that Florida or California  
were the only solutions.

West of the Rockies and warmed  
by the Japan current, Vancouver  
Island presents some amazing  
contrast with the rest of the  
Dominion. Winter climatic con-  
ditions are such that there are  
hundreds of hours of warm sun-  
shine with ideal temperatures,  
minimum rainfall and conditions  
at once restful and health-giving.  
Canadian endurance has been  
quick to see the advantages offer-  
ed by Victoria for those who seek  
summer facilities and sports dur-  
ing the normal winter months.  
The city boasts one of the finest  
beaches on the Dominion, the  
Empress Hotel, overlooking the  
Inner Harbour, one of the finest  
labeled social centers and head-  
quarters for varied sporting ac-  
tivities. These include golf on  
superb full length courses, tennis  
and swimming in the great salt  
water pool at the Crystal Gar-  
dens. At Christmas the popu-  
larity of an "Old Fashioned Valen-  
tine" is observed every year at the Em-  
press with "Trimming in the Yule  
Log," "Bear's Head Card" and an  
evening at the Empress during the  
dinner. There is specially select-  
ed music every evening during  
Christmas week and the New  
Year's Eve Ball is a famous in-  
stitution at the Empress. From  
November 1 to the following April  
20 there are special low rates in  
force.

What has specially drawn con-  
tinent-wide attention to Victoria,  
however, is the mid-winter golf  
tournament, an annual Christmas  
affair to which many well-known  
amateur golfers from America  
and Europe are attracted. This  
season it will be played over the  
course of the picturesque Royal  
Golf Club, from which  
are 19 to 21, 1934. Presenting  
the K. V. Hearty Golf Club  
play, open to all amateur golfers  
under club handicap, commencing  
Amateur week for the Victoria  
Chamber of Commerce Trophy;  
best gross; and the inter-district  
team match for the Slalom Tro-  
phy. The K. V. Hearty Trophy  
event is divided into classes for  
both ladies and men. Dinner dis-  
cusses as well as other delightful  
entertainment are given every  
evening at a Grand Ball on close-  
d night.

Victoria is always a delightful  
form of entertainment in Victoria.  
The famous Malahat drive, wind-  
ing for miles through some of the  
finest scenery in Canada, offers  
facilities for motorists which make  
it justly internationally famous.  
These are seen after worthwhile  
travelling in the heart of the interior. If  
motorists are desirous, there  
is the opportunity for initial  
enjoyment between Vancouver,  
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offers a schedule of new low fares  
for all points in Canada, east of  
the Rocky Mountains. Victoria,  
Albera, and Vancouver, daily, from  
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Amateur week for the Victoria  
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